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To: Elgin City Council

From: Kevin Cooper, 2010 Coordinator

RE: Progress Report for September, 1994

The 2010 Committee updated their strategic plan in September to include activities for this fall. Among the activities scheduled were making improvements to the down town park, recruiting new volunteers, expanding membership in 2010, and several planning activities.

The meeting held in September was a formal wrap up session for the strategic planning activities which started almost two years ago. This meeting marked the end of having Rural Development Initiatives' assistance in developing the plan. The committee went through a list of actions to increase the chances that implementation of the plan would be successful. The committee had done most of the actions needed and identified sending out agendas and minutes before meetings as a priority to be accomplished. They indicated a copy of the plan would be forwarded on a computer disk and be updated regularly. They also suggested the completed plan be circulated to the school, city, and other institutions and major economic entities in the community for their approval and support.

The 2010 committee made its first order for engraved bricks which should arrive in Elgin on Oct. 7, 1994. 126 bricks were ordered and will be stored in the city shop until a work day is scheduled to install them at the down town park. At least one more brick order will be made later this year with two or more orders scheduled to be made in 1995. At this point in time, the committee has surpassed 25% of its brick sales goal and is over 30% over its fund raising goal for the project.

Ray McVey, Maureen Smolkowski, Ron Brand, LaVeta Botz, and myself attended the first of five Rural Futures Forum training sessions in September. Olga Grant was unable to attend because of illness. The group returned and held a special meeting to plan for the meeting to be held Oct. 10, 1994. They decided the 2010 Committee needs a new facilitator and a new influx of members from the community.

As soon as the updated strategic plan is received, it will be forwarded to you and throughout the community. The city council will be asked to make a formal acceptance of the document and the plan. While the city has already approved the document in a prior form, there should not be any big surprises. However, I would encourage each of you to read the document and see how the city is positioned in the plan.